

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE INDEPENDENT ELECTRICITY SYSTEM OPERATOR

The Independent Electricity System Operator has applied for approval of its 2016 revenue requirement, expenditure and fees.

Learn more. Have your say.

The Independent Electricity System Operator has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for approval of its fiscal 2016 revenue requirement, expenditure and fees to be charged effective January 1, 2016. The Independent Electricity System Operator's 2016 proposed revenue requirement, expenditure and fees are based on its 2016-2018 Business Plan that was approved by the Minister of Energy on December 9, 2015. This is the Independent Electricity System Operator's first application since its merger with the Ontario Power Authority. The Independent Electricity System Operator (IESO) is seeking the following approvals:

- A 2016 revenue requirement (excluding forecast revenue) of \$182.1 million and net revenue requirement of \$181.1 million
- An IESO usage fee of \$1.13/MWh to be paid commencing January 1, 2016 by all market participants based on energy withdrawn from the IESO-controlled grid (including scheduled exports) and embedded generation
- To discontinue the Ontario Power Authority usage fee effective January 1, 2016
- To rebate to (or charge) market participants the difference between the 2016 IESO usage fee approved by the Board and the interim usage fee or fees paid
- To retain \$10 million as an operating reserve
- To use amounts from the IESO's and the Ontario Power Authority's operating reserve and the amounts in the Registration Fees Deferral Account and the Forecast Variance Deferral to cover incurred merger costs.
- To rebate (or charge) any balance in the year-end 2015 Forecast Variance Deferral Account above the \$10 million operating reserve, based on the IESO's audited 2015 financial statements
- To continue to charge Registration Fees of up to \$10,000 per proposal for electricity supply and capacity procurements, including conservation and load management procurements
- To continue to charge a non-refundable application fee for the Feed-in-Tariff program of \$0.50/kW of proposed Contract Capacity, having a minimum of \$500 and to a maximum of \$5,000
- To continue charging the Large Renewable Procurement qualification submission fee from Request for Qualification applicants
- To continue charging \$1,000 for the IESO's market participation application fee

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The OEB will hold a public hearing to consider the IESO's requests. We will consider the evidence filed by the IESO, question the company on its proposals, and allow individuals and groups that wish to participate to provide evidence, question the company and make arguments about whether the requests should be granted. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will determine if the IESO's proposed revenue requirement, expenditure and fees are appropriate and whether the approvals sought should be granted.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.

- You can review the IESO's application on the OEB's website now.
- You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing.
- You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **February 29, 2016** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding.
- At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

LEARN MORE

For residential customers the IESO's usage fee is charged as part of the "Regulatory Charges" line item on the bill. Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0275**. To learn more about how to participate in this hearing, including how to file a letter with your comments or how to become an intervenor, go to: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/participate. From that OEB web page you can also enter the file number **EB-2015-0275** to see all the documents related to this case. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The IESO has applied for a written hearing. The OEB is considering this request. If you think an oral hearing is needed, you can write to the OEB to explain why by **February 29, 2016**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter or the documents you file with the OEB will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and email address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under subsections 25(1) and 25(4) of the Electricity Act, 1998, S.O. 1998 c.15 (Schedule B).

